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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1940

CUTTING DOWN on welfare relief at this time of the year makes one feel, with a shudder, that some families are going to have to suffer and, perhaps, some may actually have to go hungry. To think that a country so rich as America can get into such a condition that there has to be suffering and actual want in the land is almost unbelievable. This country has seen a lot of hard times, when money and jobs were almost impossible to get, but never within the memory of this editor have we ever seen conditions as bad as they are at this time. How much longer must the people of America endure the rotten administration that we now have in Washington. For nearly seven years they have been spending money with a whoopee hand and now the country is broke and the law won't permit more borrowing since the constitutional limit of debt of 45 billion dollars is nearly reached. One welfare worker in this office yesterday said that for every \$12 expended by the government for relief that only \$1 reached those for whom it is intended. Waste and, as has been claimed by the Dies committee, graft have entered into the administration for relief. The Roosevelt followers ridiculed Alfred Smith when he protested their administration, and now, no doubt, they will be throwing the harpoon into John Garner who DARES to oppose their chief. Either of these men would have had this country flourishing again had they had the opportunity of doing so. In the meantime playing politics with human misery is now reaping its natural result—suffering and want by millions of innocent people who are the victims. We believe, as this newspaper has advocated on several former occasions, that there is only one remedy for getting this country back to its normal prosperous days, and that is to start the factory whistles blowing, getting men and women back on steady jobs. These industries will flourish again if permitted to do so without government meddling.

HE IS AN AMERICAN

He is an American. He hears an airplane overhead, and if he looks up at all does so in curiosity, neither in fear nor in the hope of seeing a protector. His wife goes marketing, and her purchases are limited by her needs, her tastes, her budget, but not by decree.

He comes home of an evening through streets which are well lighted, not dimly in blue.

He reads his newspaper and knows that what it says is not concocted by a bureau, but an honest, untrammeled effort to present the truth.

He has never had a gas mask on.

He has never been in a bomb-proof shelter.

His military training, an R.O.T.C. course in college, he took because it excused him from the Sun, New York.

**Gaylord To Play
Here Friday Night**

There's an interesting bill of basketball scheduled for tomorrow night, Friday, when Gaylord will bring three teams to Grayling for games.

The first game between the Junior high teams of both cities will begin at 7:00 o'clock. Next in line will be the game between the Reserve teams, followed by the big attraction of the evening by the High school teams.

One special attraction of the evening will be the Grayling High school band; another attraction, "Birdie" Tebbets will referee. You will enjoy every bit of the evening.

gym course, and it was not compulsory.

He belongs to such fraternal organizations and clubs as he wishes.

He adheres to a political party to the extent that he desires—the dominant one, if that be his choice, but with the distinct reservation that he may criticize any of its policies with all the vigor which to him seems proper.

—any other as his convictions dictate, even, if it be his decision one which holds that the theory of government of the country is wrong and should be scrapped.

He does not believe, if his party is out of power, that the only way in which it can come into power is through a bloody revolution.

He converses with friends, even with chance acquaintances, expressing freely his opinion on any subject, without fear.

He does not expect his mail to be opened between posting and receipt, nor his telephone to be tapped.

He changes his place of dwelling, and does not report so doing to the police.

He has not registered with the police.

He carries an identification card only in case he should be the victim of a traffic accident.

He thinks of his neighbors across international borders—or those to the north as though they were across a State line, rather than as foreigners—or those to the south more as strangers since they speak a language different from his and with the knowledge that there are now matters of difference between his government and theirs, but of neither with an expectancy of war.

He worships God in the fashion of his choice, without let.

His children are with him in his home, neither removed to a place of greater safety, if young, nor, if older, ordered ready to serve the State with sacrifice of limb or life.

He has his problems, his troubles, his uncertainties, but all others are not overshadowed by the imminence of battle and sudden death.

He should struggle to preserve his Americanism with its priceless privileges.

He is a fortunate man.

He is an American.

Editorial Reprinted from The Sun, New York.

Thermal and Hot Springs
Springs are called thermal when their waters show a temperature exceeding 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Those whose temperatures are above 98 degrees are called hot.

High, Low Points in D. C.
The lowest point in the District of Columbia is Hairs Point at sea level. The highest elevation is at Tenleytown, where the altitude is 120 feet.

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Following are the names of those who have already contributed to the Finnish Relief Fund:

Dr. C. G. Clippert	\$2.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lauri	5.00
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Christ Johnson	1.00
Carl Tahvonen	1.00
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O. P. Schumann	2.00
Jonas Wirtanen	2.00
Wm. Raee	1.00
Herman Bidvia	2.00
Mac & Gidley Drug Store	2.00
Geo. B. Schley	10.00

The Avalanche will continue to accept contributions for this fund until further notice.

Indianapolis, Ind.
January 2, 1940

Mr. O. P. Schumann,
The Avalanche,
Grayling, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Schumann:

Here is a check for \$10.00, from Mrs. Schley and me for Finnish relief; for I understand that The Avalanche is taking subscriptions for that purpose.

We are making our little contribution through Grayling people we know all the Finnish people we know in Grayling.

Yours very truly,

G. B. Schley.

NOTE—Mr. and Mrs. Schley are summer residents at Lake Margrethe where they come annually to spend some time at their summer home.

An Open Letter

(Continued from first page)
pathy for the farmer. Well, the writer was born and raised on a farm and can well remember the same sympathy for the farmer group. Just before election they came out to the old school house and gave the farmers the usual line of "hot air", but the poor farmer is still wondering when the "jack-pot" is going to turn up.

Much has been said about foreign markets and that a market for our surplus must be found. We, of the Townsend Plan, believe, there is an abundant market right here in the United States if the Townsend Plan was adopted, and money was forced into circulation, as it would be under the Plan.

One of the Congressmen, previous to the vote taken last spring on the Townsend Plan, in letters to his constituents said he wanted it settled for all time. We would like to refer that honorable gentleman to an editorial, since that time, in a leading newspaper saying because the Congress had voted down the Townsend Plan was no reason to think they were through with it, as it will be right back in their laps in the next Congress. Again we repeat with our great leader "we have just begun to fight."

Thank You.
Charles J. Manary,
203 W. Dean St.,
Paid Adv. Bay City, Mich.

OBITUARY

Charles Ira Richardson was born in Munroe county, Iowa, on August 12th, 1868 and in 1872 he came to Michigan with his parents, F. P. and Eliza Richardson. In 1876 they settled near Pere Cheney in Crawford county which has since been his home with the exception of about ten years spent in Central Lake, Flint and Kalamazoo.

In 1890 he was united in marriage to Nina Clark of Pere Cheney, who passed away on March 2nd, 1916. To this union four children were born, three of whom survive.

On February 22nd, 1922, he was united in marriage to Mary Comstock of Kalamazoo, who passed away Oct. 16, 1937, since which time he has made his home with his daughter Mrs. Hjalmar Mortenson of Beaver Creek, who with a brother, Budd Richardson, a sister, Isa Palmer, and six grandsons are left to mourn his passing.

Services were at the Hjalmar Mortenson home Sunday, at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Kuhlman officiated with burial in the family lot at Pere Cheney cemetery.

Those from a distance who came to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Richardson, Alpena; Mrs. Isa Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barber, Mrs. Marcelia Byrne, Mr. Harvey Anderson, Mr. Archie Lawrence, Mr. Richard Sewell, Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eseman, Mt. Morris.

The family have the deepest sympathy of the friends of Beaver Creek and Grayling.

Oldest Farm in United States
The oldest farm in the United States is near Ysleta, Texas. It has been worked continuously since 1540, when it was established by the Franciscan Fathers.

Sugar in the Blood
Normal persons have two teaspoons of sugar in their blood.

Personals

Lila Aldrich of Roscommon visited Patricia Roberts over New Years.

Miss Laura Horning visited Miss Betty Raino in Detroit over New Year's.

Pete Glance of Saginaw visited Miss Janice Entsminger over the New Year holidays.

Misses Blanche Wheeler and Elsie Gamble spent the week end visiting in Jackson.

Miss Olga Nielsen had as her guest over New Years' John Dominik, of Detroit.

Miss Margrethe Nielsen spent the New Year week end visiting relatives in Saginaw.

Miss Evelyn Skingley of Detroit spent the New Year holidays at the home of her parents.

Miss Billyann Clippert entertained a few friends at a watch party New Year's Eve.

F. J. Mills spent the New Year week end visiting his son Dwight, and family, in Sandusky.

Henry Douglas of Saginaw was the guest of Miss Elsie Mae LaMotte over the week end.

Miss Norberta Weiss had as her guest over the New Year week end, John Stevens of Saginaw.

Mr. Bob Hayes of St. Louis, was a guest of Miss Jayne Keyport over the New Years week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May and little son spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. May's parents, in Rogers City.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick had as their guests Friday the latter's cousin, Miss Lenora Pratt and Carl Erickson of the Soo.

Mrs. Molly Bosworth left Sunday where she attended a New Year's ball at the Elks Temple. She was the guest of Mr. Jack Shoemaker of that city.

Miss Marion Huntington of Eaton Rapids was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph over the New Year week end.

Mrs. Frank May and family had as New Year's guests Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rasinen of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels and Mrs. Ernest Lovely and family.

Emil Giegling, lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Clubs, and Farnham Matson, president of the local club, will attend the District Kiwanis meeting at Jackson, Friday.

Mrs. Willard Harwood spent Wednesday in West Branch. She was accompanied home by her son Bob who spent the week visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Tiffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen had as their guests over the week end, Mr. John Cook, Mrs. Margaret Green and sons, John and Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Mowbray, all of Detroit.

Truman Ingram, W. J. Heric and Harold Edwards left Sunday for Big Bay to resume their work at the plant of the Kerry & Hanson Co., after spending the holidays with their families.

Axel Christensen and oldest son of Flint, spent the New Year's week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson in Beaver Creek. They enjoyed hunting rabbits while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell and little daughter Barbara Jean returned home Sunday from Gagetown, where they were holiday guests of Mrs. Cornell's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Heath and the latter's mother Mrs. William McNeven, accompanied Mrs. Harry Reynolds and son Dick to their home in Midland, Saturday, after they had spent a week here.

Miss Mary Lou Woodbury of Bay City is spending ten days here visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Clara McLeod. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodbury, returned home Wednesday after spending New Years here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Butler spent the New Year week end visiting in Caro and Pontiac.

Mrs. C. J. McNamara and sons Charles and Larry, spent the New Year holidays visiting relatives in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Christensen of Detroit were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Callahan over the week end.

Jack McClain returned to his work in Ypsilanti Monday after spending the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coulter (Eva Swanson) spent the week end visiting at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Alex Atkinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnow Hanson celebrated New Year's in Detroit where they were guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Harry Raino, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Johnson and children of Saginaw were over New Year guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson.

Miss Laura Johnson spent the week end visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling, returning to Alma college Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tetu, son Bob and daughter Monica, of West Branch, were Sunday guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Henry Bousson and family.

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, January 4, 1917

Some of the state newspapers of last week contained an announcement of the death of Theodore Perry Manwaring, which occurred Wednesday, December 27, at the home of his son-in-law, Eugene Kennedy at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Manwaring had been an invalid for some time and went there from his home in Ann Arbor, about five years ago to live with his daughter. Mr. Manwaring was at one time a resident of Grayling and will be remembered by our old residents.

The first large dancing party of the season was that of the Loyal Order of Moose when they entertained New Years night with their fifth annual ball. This was held at the Temple theatre, and the place was pretty with red and white crepe latticework draping in arches. There were fully ninety couples present. At about 11 o'clock the orchestra began the strains of the Missouri Waltz, and the dancers selected their partners for the prize waltz. Finally all the dancers, except Leon LaMothe and Miss Catherine Clark and Gordon Chamberlin, and Miss Hulda Sivars left the floor, the former couple finally declared the winners of the contest.

Holger Hanson of the bank spent New Years with friends in Bay City.

Master Carl Hanson spent last week visiting relatives and friends in Johannesburg.

Misses Arville Tetu and Lucille McPhee are spending the week with friends at West Branch.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Canfield have been enjoying a few days' visit from the latter's sister, Miss Floss Miller of Detroit.

Miss Bernadette Cassidy entertained Miss Marguerite Johnson of Rose City a number of days last week. Miss Johnson is a teacher in the kindergarten in the schools at Rose City.

Announcements have been received of the birth of a son, Robert Dwight, to Attorney and Mrs. Dwight E. Wilson of East Jordan on Christmas day. Mrs. Wilson is well known in Grayling, having taught the second grade of our school for a few years, and will be better known as Miss Genie Thompson.

B. E. Kline of Akron, Ohio and Wilfred Cohen of Detroit were guests at the Mrs. A. Kraus home over New Years.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeal was the scene of a

pretty New Year eve party when a small company gathered to watch the old year out and welcome in the new. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl England, and son Carl, Mr. Chrysler, Mrs. Carr and Miss Nora Nye.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Hanson were host and hostess at a large dinner party at Shoppenagons Inn, New Years day at 1 o'clock. There were sixty present and a delicious four course dinner was served. The tables for the diners were beautiful with large vases of pink and white carnations, which after the dinner were distributed to the ladies, while the gentlemen were given smokes. The guests included the members of the Hanson and Michelson families and the head employees of the Salling, Hanson Company and their wives.

Will Lauder returned Friday to M. A. C. Lansing, after a few days visit at his home here. Mr. Lauder plays in Roscoe's orchestra at Lansing, and it was necessary for him to return earlier on account of the orchestra having had many engagements booked during the holidays.

In honor of the two retiring county officers Judge Batterson and Clerk John J. Niederer, the members of the County Board of Supervisors, gave a dinner party at Shoppenagons Inn Wednesday evening. Dr. Palmer, on behalf of the County officers, presented Mr. Niederer with a Masonic watch charm, and Glen Smith presented Mr. Batterson with a gold mounted pipe, that he might continue to smoke the pipe of friendly peace. For the Supervisors Mr. Smith presented Mr. Niederer with a gold watch chain, and Mr. Batterson with a gold pocket knife.

Frederic News
(23 Years Ago)

A sleigh party went to John Malco's Saturday night. After games, music and lunch, all returned home saying it was a good place to go.

Wilbur Cochran's house burned to the ground Sunday. Nothing but one trunk which contained some deeds and other papers and \$30 were saved.

Mrs. Terhune's daughter, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mrs. H. L. Abrahams and son Morey are spending a few days in Detroit visiting.

A nice new gas lamp has been put up at the meat market. Makes things look fine.

HE HAD IT'

Little Jones was holding forth at the club.

"Yes," he said mysteriously, "he can command an audience with one single word. He can, if he so desires, keep a whole roomful of people attentive to his needs for hours on end. His voice, although by no means melodious, can penetrate the thickest walls. And that is not all. He can twist almost anybody round his little finger; in fact, women stop and kiss him unashamedly in the street."

"An amazing personality," put in one of his audience. "Who is he, a film star or author?"

"Neither," replied Jones. "Our baby!"

HAS THAT EFFECT

"Some people thirst after fame, others after wealth, others after love," said the romantic young man, with a sigh.

The object of his affections was not in the same mood, however.

"And there is something all people thirst after," she said.

"Yes?" asked the lover, eagerly.

"Salt fish!" was the crushing reply.

NO POWDERED WORDS



Mrs. Multikids—Do you use baby talc on your child?

Mrs. Simon Pure—Never. We use only the purest English in speaking to him.

LOST TREASURE

The professor had just received a title, and the reporter was trying to get some information from the great man's wife.

"And what?" he asked. "Is the professor's principal research?"

"Well," replied his sorely tried wife, "it consists principally in hunting for his spectacles."

HIS OPPORTUNITY

"The study of the occult sciences interests me very much," remarked the new boarder. "I love to explore the dark depths of the unknown, to delve into regions of the unknown, and to—"

"Let me give you a little more of this stuff, Mr. Smith?" interrupted the landlady.

MAKE 'EM SOUND PROOF

They were entertaining friends in their new house. Suddenly one of the guests sat up and listened.

"Surely you are not troubled by mice already?" she said.

"That's not mice," replied the householder. "That's the people next door eating celery."—Cheslea.

OH GEEOLOGY!

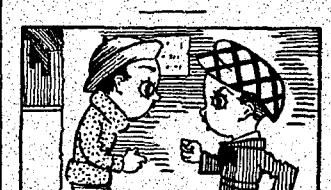
Sweet Young Tourist—Gracious!

How'd those big rocks get here? Sour Old Guide—Glaciers brought 'em here, ma'am.

S. Y. T.—Really? Where are the glaciers?

S. O. G.—Gone to git some more rocks, ma'am.

GOOD REASON



"No, I'm not afraid to fight; but if I get in a fight with you the whole street'll know it, and my mother, too!"

"How'll they know it?"

"They'll see the ambulance takin' you home!"

A WELCOME GUEST

"I'm awfully glad you're going to take dinner with us."

"It's nice to hear you say so."

"Cause if you hadn't come there would have been just thirteen of us to sit down to the table and mamma is so superstitious she'd have made me wait."

SPOILS THE FUN

Mrs. De Style—I think a woman should put her best efforts in dress to please her husband.

Mr. Facts—I can't see where friend husband gets much joy out of it unless her father pays the bills.

BAD 'GRAMMAR!'

"Over there," said the host, "are my grandma's ashes."

"Oh," commiserated the guest. "She's passed on, eh?"

"No," said the host. "She's just too lazy to look for an ash tray."

DIZZY DIALOGUES

Tuff—Listen, Bozo, that there means fight where I come from.

Tuffer—Awright, wise guy, why doncha start fightin'?

Tuff—On account I ain't where I come from.

CAUGHT UP

"And when you eloped with the girl did her father follow you?"

"Did he?" said the young man.

"He's living with us still!"

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THE WAR IN EUROPE

Finland Torpedoes The Red Army

Aside from the remarkable military successes scored by the soldiers of Finland, little of importance has happened in the European war since the scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee off the harbor of Montevideo.

The Russian Bear, ambling through Finland, found the going much tougher than expected. Having underrated the Finns, the Russians are now said to be preparing a larger force for a more serious effort to subdue op-

position.

More About The Sea Battle

The naval battle off the coast of South America continues to be discussed, particularly in naval and diplomatic quarters, but the average citizen seems to be intensely interested in the events of the engagement.

Thus, we call attention to the latest information from Montevideo, which indicates that the British cruiser Exeter, with 8-inch guns, was not put out of action in the early hours of the battle that began on Dec. 13th but continued in the fight until about 7:50 in the evening, or less than an hour before the Admiral Graf Spee entered Mon-

tevideo.

Before the beginning of the attack upon Finland, the world had an idea that the Red Army of Soviet Russia was a power to be reckoned with. This myth has been exploded by the campaign in Finland but it is too early to write off the Russian army as a failure.

The Balkan nations have taken heart from the events in Finland. There is less fear of an attack from Soviet Russia but full realization of what German leadership might do in a Balkan invasion. For the present, however, the Russian army must gain new prestige somewhere before being considered an effective fighting force.

While the German raider is presumed to have been under orders not to seek a clash with other warships, the commander of the Graf Spee admitted that he fired the opening gun at the Exeter, which was escorting the French liner. As the British cruiser replied to the fire there appeared a smoke screen to the south, laid by the Ajax and Achilles, which were rushing into battle. The German commander had no way of knowing what was behind the smoke-screen.

In armament the Graf Spee had guns to fire a broadside that weighed 4,860 pounds while the body processes so that food is burned faster, such as thyroid extract or dinitrophenol—drugs which are dangerous unless administered by a physician;

"Reducing" foods containing laxative salts or cathartics which remove water, not fat, from the body and (3) Food concentrates or supplements to be taken with a reducing diet or exercise. Actually, it is the reduced food intake or the additional exercise that removes extra poundage, not the dietary supplement.

After several weeks fighting the Finns have scored tremendously. The Mannerheim line, on the Karelian peninsula, holds and many Russians, it is reported, have lost their lives in bitter fighting. To the north of Lake Ladoga no great Soviet advance has been recorded and there are stories of Red losses in this area as well.

The Soviet attempt to cut Finland in half, by invading midway between the Gulf of Finland and the Arctic has been defeated and no important Finnish city has fallen to the invaders. Strategic railroads in the "waist" have not been cut and the Finnish forces continue their resistance.

In the Far North, where the open port of Petsamo is held by the invaders, Norwegian sources report a great Red retreat. It seems that the Russians advanced rapidly through barren lands, from which the retreated Finns had blasted all shelters. When it seemed that defeat faced the Finns on this front a blizzard swept the area and the Finns counter-attacked. With tanks and armored cars stalled in the snow the Russians marched back faster than they had advanced.

From Paris comes the news that a number of Nazi spies, who dropped by parachutes from German planes in the early part of the war, have been executed.

Peasants have been asked to aid in capturing any spies who may land behind the lines by using parachutes.

RADIO AND SPIES IN WAR

Here are two items that lead to the conclusion that the present war in Europe has its novelties:

From Germany comes reports of individuals sent to prison for listening to foreign radio broadcasts.

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Gathering Funds For Finnish Relief

The Avalanche, in common with many other newspapers, will accept contributions for relief of Finnish refugees. Everyone knows the need of this assistance by people of this fine nation.

No solicitation will be made for funds, but anyone wishing to do so may pay their money or send checks directly to this office. Funds are already coming in and we are sure our Grayling people

will feel it a privilege to aid in this worthy cause.

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SUPERMAN NOW APPEARING DAILY AND SUNDAY IN THE NEWS

Superman, the sensational adventurist from another planet which was far advanced in civilization from the earth, has a thrilling series of episodes in store for readers of The Detroit News. Watch for his amazing feats of strength and courage in the color comic section Sundays in black and white, daily in

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OUR SNAPSHOTS



This collie's latest charge is a tiger-cub recently deserted by its mother. The cub is now eleven weeks old and quite at home with the dog. The photo was snapped at the zoo in Bristol, England.



Paul Sullivan, newest addition to the ranks of the Columbia network's newsmen, broadcasts current events six nights a week in forty cities. His war experience includes several broadcasts from London shortly after hostilities began. See your local listings for the exact time of Sullivan's broadcasts.



The demand for authenticity in modern radio is exemplified here by Ann Sheridan and Theodore Newton of the cast of "Joyce Jordan—Girl Intern." The fluoroscope, which they are examining is only one of the many required subjects in the field of medicine with which actors in this show must be familiar. The program is broadcast daily on CBS.



Thirteen Year Old Lad Successful Dairymen—Up at 5:00 a.m. each morning, Harry Prescott, Jr., of Worcester, Mass., is soon out in the barn feeding his goats even before he has had his own breakfast.

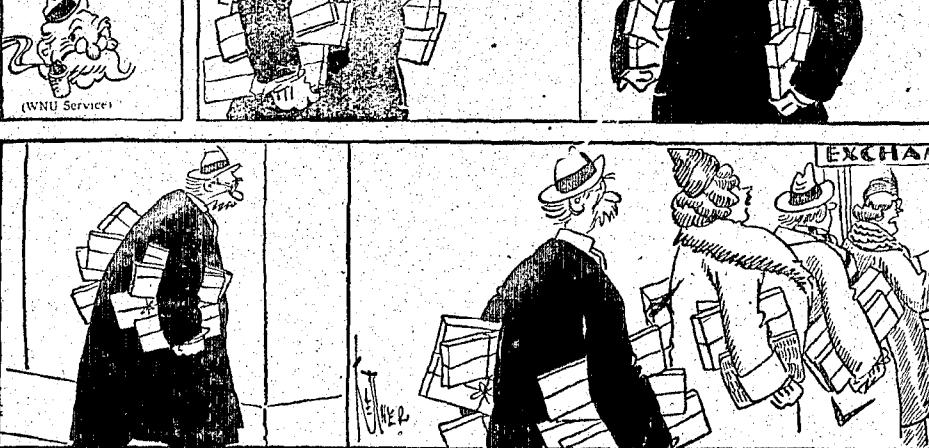
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My Neighbor Says:

SAYS:

Never iron out flannel, but brush it thoroughly. Brushing removes the softness and removes all lint.

In cooking anything with cheese, use a low temperature because intense heat makes cheese tough and stringy.

House palms should not be exposed to the direct rays of the sun nor should they be placed near a radiator.

Empty the vacuum cleaner into a large paper sack (saved from groceries). The sack can be discarded easily and the dust won't fly.

When washing dishes used for either raw or cooked fish, about two heaping teaspoonsfuls of baking soda added to the dish water will deodorize the dishes, dish water and dish cloth.

Broom holders, small hooks and screws, help to keep the household cleaning equipment in good working order. Hang up brooms, mops, dusters and cleaning brushes by attaching screws to the handles.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Subscribe for the Avalanche

PUNNING NIMRODS

Two men were out shooting on the moors when a small animal darted across the path and disappeared in the undergrowth.

"That looked like a stoat," remarked the first man.

"I should say it was a weasel," said the other.

"But a stoat is so weasly distinguished," laughed the first.

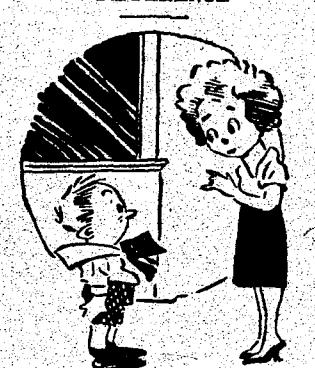
"Quite so," replied the second, "but a weasel is stoatally different."

Doubly Unfortunate

The vicar had received a couple of tickets for the opera from one of his parishioners. Finding that he was unable to go he rang up some friends and said: "An unfortunate dinner engagement keeps me from attending the opera tonight; could you use the tickets?"

"We should be glad to do so," was the reply, "but we are your unfortunate hosts."—London Tit-Bits.

DIFFERENCE



Teacher—Now as to coal, what is the difference between egg and nut?
Johnny—One is laid by a hen and the other by a squirrel.

Important Omission

"I want to return this book I bought yesterday, 'Stories for All Occasions,'" announced the irate customer.

"What's wrong with it?" inquired the shop assistant.

"Why, it's a fake; it's incomplete! There's nothing there for a man to tell his wife when he gets home at two o'clock in the morning."—Stray Stories.

That's Bad

"I understand your husband is a candidate for prison warden," remarked one of the neighbors to the politician's wife.

"Yes, he is, but I don't think he is competent."

"And why not?"

"He leaves the door open half the time nights at home."—Portland Express.

Well Trained

They were engaged to be married, and he was proudly relating his former adventures in Africa.

"I had to hack my way," said he, "through almost impenetrable jungle, chopping, slashing at thick undergrowth and trees."

"Oh, George!" said she. "You'll do fine when you have to weed the garden!"

Overtime

Little Dolly's father had been whitewashing the kitchen ceiling during the holidays, and she was much impressed.

Next morning when she woke up she looked out of the window and saw the ground covered with snow.

"O, mother," she said, "hasn't daddy been busy!"

THEME SONG



"Did Jimmy Bass sing at the musical?

"Yes, he sang 'Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep!'"

Parlor Ogre

Father—That young man of yours should be in the museum for living curiosities.

She—Why, father! How can you say that?

Father—Well, I noticed as I passed through the hall late last night that he had two heads on his shoulders.

Not Recognized

A concert was being held at the village schoolroom, and it came to Sandy's turn to give his bagpipes solo. When the applause had died down a voice from the back shouted, "Give us Annie Laurie, Sandy!"

"What?" asked Sandy, surprised and flattered. "Again?"

Approval

"I hope your titled son-in-law will like you."

"We're getting on," answered Mr. Cumrox, looking up from his check book. "He seems to think very well of my handwriting and the kind of cigars I smoke."

Anticipation

Mother-in-law—That's a cute little tree on the lawn, John. It's only a foot high.

Son-in-law—Yes, I just planted it. I hope that the next time you come you'll be able to sit in its shade. Boy's Life.

City Council Proceedings

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting held on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1939, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Geo. Burke.

Councilmen present: Burke, Roberts, Milnes. Absent: Jenson and Sales.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Burke, supported by Roberts, that a dance permit for the Shoppenagons Inn cocktail bar, when properly submitted, be approved.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Burke. Absent: Sales, Jenson, Nay: None.

Moved by Roberts, supported by Burke, that the City of Grayling enter into a Mazda Lamp contract with the Graybar Electric Company, and that the City Manager be authorized to sign the contract in behalf of the City of Grayling.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Burke. Absent: Sales, Jenson, Nay: None.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger,
City Manager.

THE DEBUNKER

By JOHN HARVEY FURBY, PH.D.

ROOSTERS CAN LAY EGGS



The same rooster can be the father of chicks and later be the mother of others. This phenomenon of sex reversal has been studied by scientists, who have changed roosters to hens by changing the testes of the rooster, or by grafting in ovaries. Sometimes it happens in nature by a disease attacking the sex organs of the rooster. When they lose their "maleness," they become female. This is because every male is half female anyway, and possesses the female sex chromosome along with the male one in its hereditary make-up.

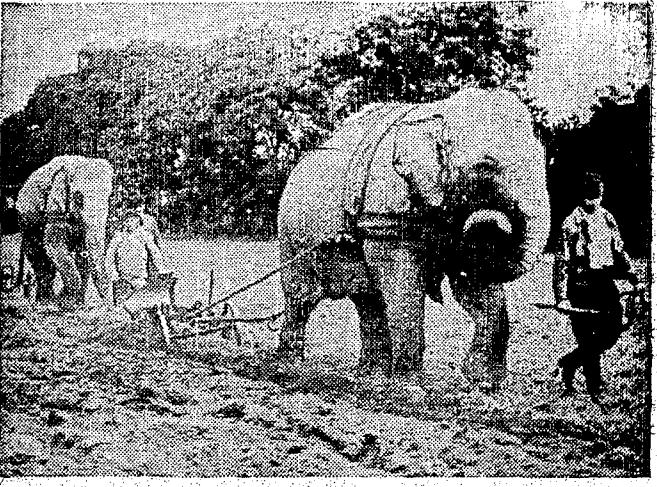
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Just a Day of Rest for Tank C



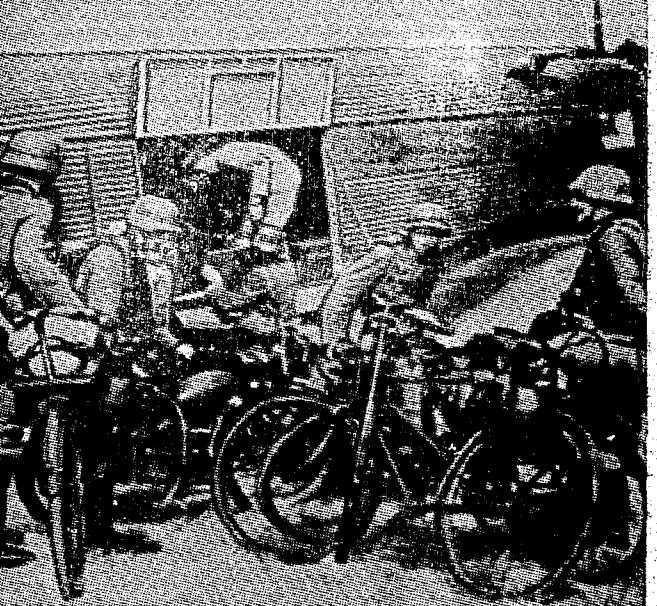
A picture made somewhere on the western front, at French field headquarters, showing tanks lined up for inspection by visitors who arrived in the cars shown to the left. This was the occasion for decorating tank crews for heroic work in the war.

Zoo Animals Must Earn Keep During War



This is a typical farm scene in Germany now. Elephants, camels and other show animals of the zoo that can be trained to do manual duties are being pressed into service to replace farm animals and machines needed in war service.

Germany Flies Cycle Infantry to Front

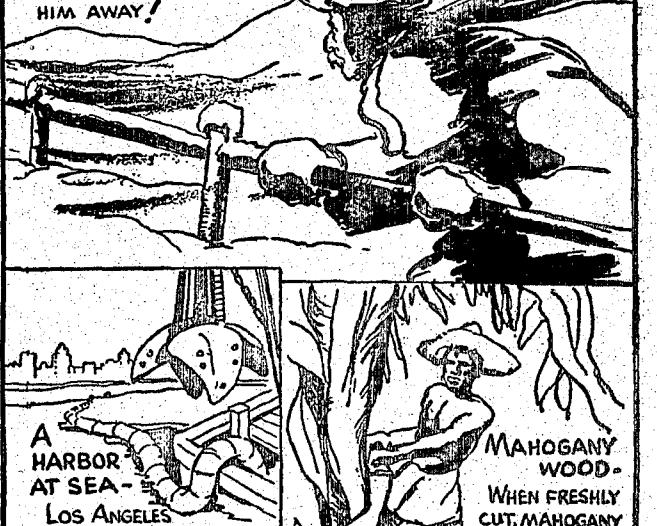


Men of a German bicycle infantry are shown unloading themselves and their wheels from an army transport plane that flew them within easy cycling distance of the fighting line. This photo was passed by the German censor.

AMAZE A MINUTE SCIENTIFIC FACTS ~ BY ARNOLD

BLLOWING AWAY A MAN

MT. WASHINGTON WEATHER OBSERVATORY RECENTLY MEASURED WIND VELOCITY OF 140 MILES PER HOUR, EXERTING A PUSH OF 200 POUNDS ON A MAN, ENOUGH TO BLOW HIM AWAY!



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MAHOGANY WOOD—WHEN FRESHLY CUT, MAHOGANY IS LIGHT RED OR PINK.

Subscribe for the Avalanche

LOCALS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1940

Mrs. Paul Lovely is feeling much improved after being ill for the past week.

Mrs. Fred Welsh is driving a brand new 1940, Buick 51 sport coupe, purchased of Jess Schoonover.

A son, Thomas, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Galvani, at Mercy Hospital Friday, December 29.

The Womans Home Missionary society will meet at the home of Mrs. Hans L. Peterson Wednesday, January 10.

There will be a board of directors meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday, January 5, at 8 o'clock at the courthouse.

The Aid society of Michelson Memorial church will meet Friday afternoon, January 5th, at the home of Mrs. Frank Bond.

Mrs. Eva Wingard has resigned her position as librarian at the City Library and Alex Kochanowski will be the new librarian.

The Womans Club will meet Monday, January 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kindergarten room at the school house. Mrs. Gothro is the hostess.

The Hospital Aid society will meet Tuesday, January 11, at the home of Mrs. C. G. Clippert with Mrs. Clippert and Mrs. Keyport at hostesses.

The I. O. O. F. lodge will hold their installation of officers Tuesday evening, January 9, at the Masonic Temple. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Millkin (Virginia Skingley) are the proud parents of a daughter, Connie Lou, born to them Saturday, December 30, at Mercy Hospital.

Officers of Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., are looking for the parties who broke into the equipment building Monday and stole a number of pairs of skis and snowshoes.

There will be a meeting of the Crawford County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Thursday (tonight) Jan. 4th, at 8:00 o'clock at Norman Butler's residence.

There will be no January meeting of the Crawford County Health Unit. The February meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26, at the Grange Hall. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Eight boys were guests of Victor Papendick Tuesday evening at a dinner and theatre party to celebrate his eighth birthday. The dining table was centered with a birthday cake guarded by four tall green tapers.

Mrs. Russell Robertson left for Adams, Wis., Friday called by the sudden death of her 82 year old mother, Mrs. Josephine Polinka. Mrs. Polinka, who was the mother of thirteen children, all of whom survive, passed away at the home of a son on Dec. 28.

Jeanne Hanson is at home again from Munson Hospital, Traverse City, and getting along very nicely. She is able to go all day now without her cast, but must get back into it at night. All of Jeanne's friends are pulling for her to get well soon.

Charlotte Marie Hartin, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartin (Bessie Atwell) has the distinction of being the first child born in the county in the new year. The little girl, who weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces, arrived at 8:47 o'clock in the evening of New Year's day.

Mrs. Louis Kesseler left Tuesday for Midland. She was accompanied by Lawrence and Jerome Kesseler and their wives. In Midland Mrs. Kesseler will join her brother W. A. Cassidy and together they will leave for Miami Beach, Florida, to spend the winter months.

Richard Barber celebrated his 9th birthday anniversary Saturday and his mother invited 19 boys and girls to be his guests at a theatre party. After the show they enjoyed goodies prepared by Richard's mother, Mrs. Foryst Barber, and each received a favor. Richard received many nice gifts.

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The Grayling Township Health Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Carl Nielsen Thursday, January 11.

Fire caused from a shortage in the electric wiring at the home of Sherman Neal called out the City Fire department Wednesday night at about 9:00 o'clock. The fire was confined to the basement and there was some damage to both building and contents, however the loss is covered by insurance.

Gary Hatfield, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield, fell through the ice into the AuSable river near the US 27 bridge Friday afternoon and as the result is home from school with a severe cold. He wanted to see if the ice was strong enough to hold him when it cracked and he fell into the water over his head. Gary's brother, Jimmy, was nearby and pulled him out.

Fire resulting from the explosion of a kerosene stove caused quite a scare at the home of Robert Sorenson at the rear of the Quality Food Grocery store Saturday morning at 7:45 o'clock. Windows in the shed where the stove was located were broken and the walls charred and the stove ruined; besides smoke did a lot of damage to the walls in other parts of the home. The loss was covered by insurance.

School was resumed Wednesday morning after the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Otto Cox was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when several of her friends dropped in to spend the evening, and help her celebrate her birthday anniversary which fell on that day. Pinochle and bunco were the order of entertainment, after which a delicious pot luck lunch was served. The group presented Mrs. Cox with two lovely presents.

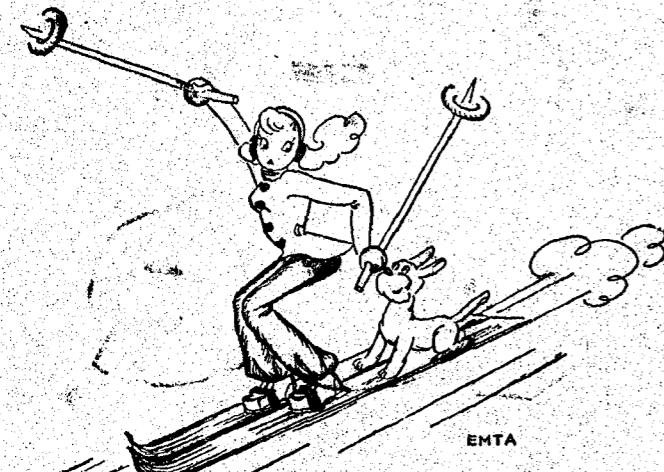
Our annual January clearance sale is on. Big reductions on dresses, skirts and hats.—Maureen Shoppe.

There was a heavy snowfall over the week end and flurries have continued intermittently since. It is estimated there is 16 inches of snow on the level at the present time. Temperatures have been hovering below freezing with the lowest on January 2nd with 4 above. The warmest has been 26 above, and today the

thermometer says 18 above. Highway plows have been kept busy keeping the highways open, and men have been busy with shovels keeping the streets open for traffic.

Public Notice

Beginning Dec. 12, I will be at the Town hall every Tuesday and Saturday thereafter until Jan. 10, to collect township taxes. Clare Madsen, 11-23-tf, Treas. Grayling Twp.



Winter Sports Have "Grown Up" In Eastern and Central Michigan

Things used to be dull in the wintertime for many of the summer resort towns. "Guess we'll hole up for the winter" was a common expression among the natives. It's easy for an adult to loaf, but children have to keep busy to avoid mischief. So the city fathers flooded ice skating areas, built primitive toboggan runs. They soon noticed, as at Alpena, that child delinquency took a drop when winter sports were made available. When the child finished his skating, he was just too tired to think up any new ideas—so he went home to bed. The story was similar at Grayling. The slide on Johnson's hill was mostly "for the kids"—some of the local people grumbled at the mild expense of maintaining a slide for such a childish pastime.

But in helping the youngsters, adults became interested themselves. When that happened, snow centers in eastern and central Michigan rapidly developed into facilities for both children and adults.

Now, almost every town of any size has a winter sports program. Some are local propositions and others attract enthusiasts from all over Michigan and out-state. Thousands take snow trains and busses. Motorists discovered that the Michigan Highway Department is very efficient in removing snow and ice from the highways. Resort towns learned it was possible to make their town a "four season playground" in fact as well as name.

Many Snow and Ice Carnivals
This year, many special festivals and carnivals are on the winter docket. Grayling is going in for a jamboree January 6-7 at which time major baseball players will gather to select queen. This celebration will call attention to the half-million dollar improvement program now in progress at the park. The Michigan Department of Conservation is cooperating with the National Park Service who are directing the construction work. \$256,000 has already been expended for this year's improvements.

Entertainment is the keynote at Alpena. The Sixth Annual Winter Sports Carnival and Michigan Outdoor Speed Skating Championships are scheduled for January 20-28 inclusive. Events will get a real start January 20-21 when the best speed skating talent in Michigan will be brought together for the races. During the nine days of fun, 250 members of a professionally trained figure skating group will stage costumed performances. Snow trains, hockey games and dances will round out the week.

At Cheboygan, each Sunday during the season, expert figure skaters will stage Mardi Gras, Masquerades, Fiestas, and so forth. The dates for the usual 2-day fests are unannounced.

Tobogganing Remains Popular
The improvement program at the Silver Valley Winter Sports plant

Frederic Notes

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen and son Dale, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Lodge and daughter, Carol, all of Bay City; Mr. and Mrs. Elton G. Barber of Flint; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dawson of Detroit; Mrs. Jesse Howe of Roscommon; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Downer of Luther; Miss Erma Raymond of Grayling, and Mr. Vance A. Horner.

Lloyd Welch returned Sunday morning after working a few months on the Great Lakes. New Year guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krause were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cameron and sons, Robert and Stanley of Detroit; Wilfred Cameron of Washington, Mich.; Earl Dew of Pontiac, and Harry Horner of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weinkauf and Miss Dorothy enjoyed Christmas with relatives and friends in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leng and Mr. and Mrs. Ace Leng and family spent Christmas at Columbiaville, Michigan.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Sunshine Sisters gave their annual Christmas party at the Communi-

CCC Camp News

CAMP HARTWICK PINES
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The Passing of Robert Fechner
The flag is at half-mast in Camp Hartwick Pines, as in camps of the CCC throughout the nation, in respect to the passing of the National Director of the CCC, who died in Walter Reid hospital after a short illness. However, life and work in the camp moves on without interruption and we are only remotely regretful of the passing of a man in high position who has done a good job. There will be memorial services, encomiums, and eulogies as a matter of course but few will realize at once that the CCC has come to a crossroad that may vitally affect the very spirit of the CCC, for the steadfast, direct and living faith of Robert Fechner in the inherent good in the individual underprivileged boy, is the very spirit of the CCC.

Robert Fechner, consuming interest in the welfare of the individual boy was born of his own boyhood struggles with life and his lifetime membership in the ranks of labor. He never changed his simple habits of living nor lost his intimate contact with the boys in the CCC. It is told how he would come to his office in Washington at the unearthly hour of 7:00 a. m. to begin his work for the day and how he tried to personally answer letters from boys in the CCC until he was overwhelmed. Not to be undone by the very magnitude of the great organization, he took determined steps to prevent a regimenting of the lives of the boys in the CCC by appointing an Assistant to the Director in each Corps Area. These were men of his own pattern, quiet, simple, shrewd and with great authority. Thus every boy in the CCC had direct and immediate access whenever he felt the need for it. When these men visited the camps, they talked to the boys personally and exhibited a canny ability to sense the spirit of the company. Over the period of its life, an organization of humane and high endeavor has developed that sets a new high in the history of the human race.

In his Christmas greeting to the men of the CCC, from his bed in the hospital, Robert Fechner expressed the words that reveal the deep and yearning spirit of this friend of boys and men who need help: "I only wish it were possible for me to talk with each one of you in person at this season of the year, when all of us look resolutely toward the future and derive renewed inspiration from the life of Him whose birthday we commemorate on Christmas."

Skiing Shows Increased Popularity
Taking a cue from Canadian and Western snow centers, skiing is being taken up as a hobby by thousands. "Anyone of average physical equipment can learn to ski safely and enjoyably," states Heinz Von Allmen, Swiss ski champ. "And you don't have to start when you're young," he adds.

At Grayling, there is an expert instructor to coach youngsters and adults. Ski trails are being charted and mapped for miles around the vicinity. The high hills, free from trees and obstructions are safe places to learn. Then, too, East Tawas offers four ski slides, each about 700 feet in length with varying degrees of difficulty. The rangers of the National Forest are laying out new ski trails for those that desire cross country exercise.

Weather Reports

Weather reports on ice and snow conditions will emanate from the Detroit bureau throughout the winter so that parties won't be disappointed by a sudden change of weather. For further winter sports information, write the chairman of any of the winter sports centers mentioned, or the East Michigan Tourist Association, Bay City, Michigan.

ty hall. The early part of the evening was spent playing games and at 10 o'clock a delicious dinner was served to 50 guests. After dinner the ladies gave a fine program. The party ended by all singing Christmas carols.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber were New Years Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee.

Mrs. Albert Lewis and daughter Rose, of Big Bay, Mich., spent a few days visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harmer and family were guests over Christmas of the former's brother, Geo. Harmer and family, at Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madill and children are spending the week visiting at the Henry Shawl home in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bertl and family of Roscommon were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber.

Woodpecker 'Black Sheep'
The yellow-bellied woodpecker commonly called the sapsucker is the only black sheep of his family. Despite the belief that many woodpeckers who resemble him are tree killers, the yellow-bellied is the only one that will suck sap from trees; the rest of his family drills holes harmlessly in trees; in fact, their drilling often is beneficial as they are looking for insects.

Roosting Tribe Found
One tribe of Chinese Japanese never conquer was described by Rev. H. M. Hutton of the Chinese Inland Mission on his return to Sydney, Australia. He declared there are 200 tribes in Kweichow province, each with its own language, writing and dress. The Black Miao tribe, he said, is the most remarkable. It was found in absolutely precipitous country and the members' homes are as inaccessible as the eagle's nest.

Highest Waterfall in Europe
Highest waterfall in Europe is the Cascade de Gavarnie in the French Pyrenees. It makes a single leap of 1385 feet without touching the rock wall over which it springs. This height is over eight times that of Niagara Falls.



Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—The right of state government to fix prices was given a disturbing jolt here in a ruling by Judge Leland W. Carr of the Ingham county circuit court holding Michigan's so-called "fair trade" law to be unconstitutional.

Although the court opinion affected only the 1937 statute covering petroleum and bakery products, it indirectly casts a shadow over the 1939 milk price-fixing act, which is already under judicial scrutiny. This law is now in litigation seeking to test the right of the state to invade private industry in the ostensible interest of the public welfare.

Judge Carr's opinion will echo in the 1941 session of the Michigan state legislature. For if there was anything certain it is the likelihood the retail forces in the state will gird again for battle over fair trade legislation. The past two sessions have been battle scenes, and the 1941 round will be no exception.

Consumer

The experiment of the state government trying to fix prices for the consumer is not an isolated incident to Michigan.

It is a national trend in which is involved a new movement known as the "consumer movement."

If government is to look out for the organized interests of special groups, who is going to look out for the consumer?

Here again the problem has been taken to the United States supreme court. Legislatures in California and Illinois enacted laws which established minimum retail prices of manufactured products where the manufacturer entered into contract with the retailer. The California and Illinois laws were upheld, the court pointing out that the retailer could remove brand names from a price-fixed product and sell it without regard to the contract price provided he did not refer to the brand or its maker.

These fixing in minimum retail prices has been legalized by Congress through the Tydings-Miller amendment to the Sherman act. While stabilizing prices of nationally advertised products, the act left a loop-hole for stores which could offer their own private non-advertised brands and thus undersell competitors. Actually the national chain drug interests appeared before a congressional committee at Washington in support of the minimum price bill.

That is where fair trade legislation came in.

The motive was the same; the scene for action was merely transferred from Washington to Lansing; the state government, not the federal government, was to be the rescuing angel.

"Abridgment" Says Judge
The 1937 legislature received the fair trade orphan with sympathy.

Ideally, no one sheds a tear for the chisel, the big bad man of the business world. The "rub" came in when legislators sought to decide how big the fair trade tent should be. When the cutting was all over, the big top was reduced to petroleum and bakery products which had maintained powerful lobbies supported by special contributions.

Lawmakers decided that something had to be done in the name of fair trade; a "law" had to be passed, and so the measure was enacted.

Judge Carr of Lansing, however, doubted the wisdom of the act from the consumer's point of view as well as from the retailer's. He said in part:

"In the exercise of the police power the principle has been commonly recognized, and rather firmly established, that the public welfare is best served by freedom of competition, rather than by arbitrary curtailment. This is at least an abridgment of the right of the owner to fix his own selling price."

How About Milk?

The knock-out court opinion on the fair trade act also involved officially Michigan's new milk price-fixing law, passed in 1939.

Observers are wondering what Judge Carr would do if he were asked to rule on the constitutionality of this startling step of state government into private enter-

prise. The milk act vested authority in local milk control boards to fix both producer and retail prices. Through a "check-off" system the expense of maintaining these boards was automatically provided for.

The state of New York was one of the first to experiment on price-fixing for milk producers and consumers. In a test case, the United States supreme court declared that, because of the element of public health, the state possessed police powers under the New York constitution to regulate milk prices.

But Michigan's constitution is a different document. It is being freely forecast in Lansing that the new milk price-fixing law will be declared unconstitutional. Except for the point of public health, Judge Carr's legal reasoning would seemingly apply also to the matter of milk prices.

NRA and Competition

The fair trade movement is an American hang-over from the idealistic NRA of 1933, the "Blue Eagle" child, fathered by the United States Chamber of Commerce and mothered by the Roosevelt administration—a paradoxical couple!

To baffle the business chisel, to prevent unfair competition and to assure everyone of a decent profit was the modest goal that the Blue Eagle sought to achieve. It was a nice idea at least, and everybody was for it as long as there was a chinaman's chance of it getting somewhere.

But when the United States supreme court unanimously knocked out the national recovery act as an unwarranted invasion of legislative rights, the American business man was left just where he was before—dependent upon himself to solve his business problems.

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Advertising Cost

It was inevitable that the cost of advertising should enter the fair trade picture.

Advertising costs have been a mystery to the average consumer.

Hence it was timely when the Distribution Committee for the Twentieth Century Fund, a Filene enterprise, reported last fall that the total expenditure for advertising probably amounted to less than 3 per cent of the aggregate sum paid by the consumer. As the "American Consumer" magazine stated in December, the Fund study furnishes facts to affirm the opinion of the great bulk of American consumers that advertising in itself is a sound economic device, performing a valuable and profitable consumer service and is not an "economic waste" as has been charged.

Since the cost of advertising is a modest part of the consumer dollar and actually a means to effect lower prices through greater distribution and production—the automobile being a Michigan example—the fair trade problem simmers down to a question of what is best for the consumer, the great American public.

And that is food for thought.

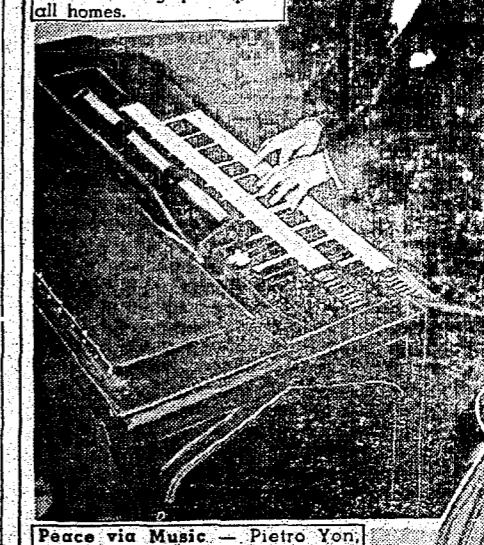
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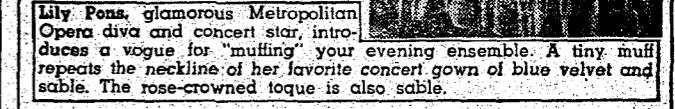
Child Sends Flags to Rulers With Prayer for Peace — Warren Hill, Pa.—12 year old Dolores Van Sant, saved up her pennies to buy flags in whose folds she enclosed a private prayer for peace, which she sent to world famous figures. The child has launched a campaign to have the flag put up in all homes.



Baby Gorilla Feeds Self — Meng, the 12 year old gorilla recently presented to the London Zoo by the Belgian Government, is now settled comfortably in his new home and drinks from a bottle by himself.



Peace via Music — Pietro Yon, organist of the Vatican and St. Patrick's Cathedral, participated in ceremonies marking the formal opening of the new Hammond Organ Studios in New York City recently with a program based on the theme, "Peace and Tolerance in Music."



Lily Pons, glamorous Metropolitan Opera diva and concert star, introduces a vogue for "muffing" your evening ensemble. A tiny muff repeats the neckline of her favorite concert gown of blue velvet and sable. The rose-crowned toque is also sable.

15 PERCH LIMIT ON HOUGHTON LAKE

Houghton lake alone is affected by the reduction in the daily creel limit on perch from 25 to 15, under the new sport fishing law effective January 1, according to the fish division of the department of conservation.

On the Great Lakes and connecting waters 50 perch may be taken in a day. On inland lakes and waters the creel limit is 25 bluegills, sunfish, warmouth bass, rock bass, crappies and perch in the aggregate, or 25 of any one kind. This regulation continues into 1940 unchanged.

WHEN CLANS GATHER



The skirt of the pipes that does things to the blood of every Scotsman, has its lure for little Tommy MacDonald, who is shown, tartan-clad, gazing awe-stricken at a stilt-walk pipe during the 200th gathering of Scottish clans at Fayetteville, N.C.

Public Notice

COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAXES DUE

I will be in my office in the City Hall from December 1st to January 10th for the collection of county and school taxes.

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FLORENCE BUTLER, City Treasurer.

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